

## **REMARKS**

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to obviate the double-patenting rejections.

In addition, Applicants have amended the claims to address the Examiner's objections relating to formal matters.

In light of the foregoing, the Applicants submit that the application is in good and proper form for allowance, and respectfully request the Examiner to pass this application to issue. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney, at 312-913-3304.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert J. Irvine III", is written over a horizontal line.

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